

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0007], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0007] ~~DE 195 40 872 G2~~ DE 195 40 827 A1 describes an empirical method for determining the aging state of a battery, in which a battery-specific family of characteristics for battery aging is predetermined. A battery aging value is determined with the aid of a family of characteristics by recording instantaneous values of battery aging influencing variables for the monitored battery. This includes, inter alia, a coefficient to take account of the temperature influence.